



**Re: FW: Meeting Notes Reg pathway 04062010** 📎

**Dave Bartus** to: Conaway, Kathy (ECY)

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Turns out that tomorrow's Rick/Jane call never got on Ecology's calendar, despite the fact that it was on everyone's EPA calendars, and Jane and Rick explicitly agreed to schedule several meetings to avoid exactly what has happened.

I did speak to Rick briefly today, and asked that he have a separate call w/Jane before the next formally-scheduled conference call on June 23. This is one of the two issues I asked Rick to get input from Jane on. Almost two months and no response whatsoever is beginning to wear thin.

"Conaway, Kathy (ECY)"

[May recall this for preparation of the Rick/...](#)

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To date, EPA has not seen any draft, work product or documentation of "the path that Dib has expressed," so I can't speak to any substantive elements of the groundwater for the pathway discussion. I understand that Deb singleton informed Ecology HG staff of this week's regulatory pathway meeting in anticipation that the discussion would clearly include groundwater issues.

As you may recall during the last Rick Albright/Jane Hedges program manager status call on the Hanford re-issue permit work, Rick and Jane agreed to defer resolution of the Mixed Waste Trench/Low-Level Burial Ground regulatory pathway issue to this week's discussion. Since it appears that additional discussion will be necessary to resolve issues apparently raised by Ecology HG staff subsequent to the meeting, I will report back to Rick Albright that this issue has not been resolved, and that it will be included on the agenda for the scheduled April 28 meeting between Rick and Jane for further discussion at the program manager/office director level.

Speaking personally, I note that EPA provided an extensive analysis of groundwater monitoring regulatory issues associated with the Mixed Waste Trenches/Low Level Burial Grounds to Ecology, sent to Deb Singleton via e-mail of 9/26/2008 and provided to Ron Skinnarland as preparation for the last program manager status call. Given that Ecology has had a thorough identification of the issues, and detailed recommendations as to a compliant and protective regulatory pathway, and specific direction from our respective program managers to reach resolution of the regulatory pathway for permitting of these units, I find it very frustrating to hear of a late hit following the meeting that requires further discussion. I am hoping we can find a way to discuss and resolve these issues in a far more timely and effective manner.

While it is not EPA's role to establish Ecology staff participation in these issue resolution discussions, it seems plain to me that if Ecology HG staff have sufficiently critical input to preclude resolution as directed by our respective program managers, then the discussions need to include substantive input from, if not direct and active participation by, HG staff if we are to be successful in our assigned work. I simply don't see how as a group we can successfully reach resolution if the participants don't have access to what appears to be necessary input.

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Kathy,

From what I understand after speaking with Dib, the language regarding groundwater monitoring is not in agreement with the path that Dib has expressed. Further communication with the HG staff will be necessary before moving forward with the approach outlined in your attachment.

Deborah

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